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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
Deputy Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Issues for SIG(Space) Consideration

1. In response to your request for recommendations of inter-agency issues which would be pertinent to the implementation of the President's national space policy, I have at attachment listed initiatives that SIG(Space) should consider.

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2. I fully support SIG(Space) as the appropriate mechanism to identify and sort out the issues that best meet the President's desires. I do believe, however, that it would be very helpful to the sorting out process for SIG(Space) to have a better understanding of the current programs that could contribute to our maintenance of space leadership (implementation of our national space policy). Therefore, as the DCI suggested in his 6 January memorandum to Judge Clark, the relevant organizations should be requested to present briefings on their current programs to the SIG(Space). Until this is accomplished I believe that it would be difficult to conduct a meaningful examination of the issues. Furthermore, such briefings could assist the SIG(Space) in identifying areas of potential gaps in the overall Space Program and determining action recommendations to appropriately resolve them in accordance with national space policy.

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3. I will be glad to discuss these matters with you at your convenience.

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